Soldiers killed and injured in terrorist attacks in J&K

†5505. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of soldiers in Kashmir fighting against the terrorist activities are sacrificing their lives for the sake of country;

(b) the number of persons died as well as injured during the last three years;

(c) the number of the persons died in land mine blasts;

(d) whether Government are considering to import anti-landmine vehicles in order to save the lives of soldiers;

(e) if so. By when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c)The details of Army personnel killed due to militant action and mine and Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) blasts in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years, are given below:—

	1997	1998	1999
Militant action	151	149	218
IED/Mine Blast	21	13	30
Total	172	162	248

Details of personnel injured is not maintained centrally by Army HQrs.

(e) to'(f) Ninety Mine Protected Vehicles (MPVs) have already been imported and deployed. Action is in hand to acquire-more MPVs.

Rehabilitation of people living in nearby villages of Kargil

†5506. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the arrangements made by Government for rehabilitating the people living in the nearby villages of Kargil whose homes had been ruined due to Kargil war;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by Government for such people?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOMEAFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) In order to rehabilitate the people displaced due\to border shelling/firing at Kargil, a relief package has been announced by the State Government as under:—

- Rs.20,000/- under BADP/EAS for construction of bunker to each family/house that has come under heavy border shelling.
- Free ration 7 Kgs of rice and 2 Kgs of atta per person per month to the residents of villages that have suffered total loss of crops.
- Cash assistance for essentials @ Rs.200- per month to the residents of villages that have suffered total loss of crops.
- Free Kerosene oil @ 10 liters per family per month.
- Cash assistance for fodder 4a> Rs. 150/- per large animal per month and Rs.30/- per small animal per month subject to a ceiling of Rs. 1000/- per month per family to families residing in severely affected villages where it has not been possible for the farmers to sow/grow crops.
- House rent @ Rs.200/- per month to families residing in 16 most vulnerable villages in Drass, Kargil and Batalic sectors, should these families be required to move out due to continued shelling in future.
- Ex-gratia relief Rs. @ 1 lakh per death case and for immovable property damaged @ Rs.50% of the loss assessed subject to a ceiling of Rs. 1 lakh per case as a result of border shelling.
- Free medical treatment including cost of drugs to the displaced persons till such time as they go back to their homes and hearths and also for livestock of families in the border belt where the families have not been able to sow/grow crops due to border shelling/firing, till the next sowing season.
- Issue of identity cards to all male population above the age of 14 years living in border villages.
- The State Government is being reimbursed on this account from the National Defence Fund and Central Government Funds.

Recruitments in Army and Paramilitary from NER ‘

5507. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: